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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN FIREWORKS FESTIVAL

Friday, July 3 – 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Middletown, CT, – Mayor Daniel T. Drew is pleased to announce that Middletown will be hosting their annual fireworks celebration, *Fireworks over the River!*, on Friday, July 3, 2015. This year's show will feature an expanded fireworks display along with live patriotic music performed by the Middletown Symphonic Band synchronized to the fireworks and simulcast over WMRD/WLIS am radio and through the TuneIn radio app. The festival begins at 4 p.m. this year with two locations providing music and food vendors: Harbor Park and the City Hall lawn.

Festivities kick-off at 4:00 pm with food, music and family fun. Attendees can enjoy music at Harbor Park from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, featuring the High School Jazz Ensemble. Music on the lawn at City Hall will begin at 4:30 pm, featuring Shared Soul and Prelude, followed by the Middletown Symphonic Band. This year features a new sound system, broadcasting at both Harbor Park and the lawn at City Hall. Performances are sponsored by the Middletown Commission on the Arts.

Mayor Drew commented "I wish everyone a happy and safe fourth of July weekend. On this holiday weekend, when we celebrate this great country of ours, gathering with friends and family, we are reminded of what a privilege it is to live in this nation. I am honored to call Middletown my home, and am equally honored to share this community with such wonderful people."

Fireworks will commence just after dark, at approximately 9:30 pm. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled to Sunday, July 5, 2015.

Parts of Court Street, Dekoven Drive, Harbor Drive, Dingwall Drive, MLK Way, River Road and Eastern Drive will be closed during portions of the day of the City of Middletown Fireworks Festival. Further details on events, road closures, parking and viewing suggestions can be found on the City of Middletown website (www.cityofmiddletown.com).

We'll see you there!

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